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Claim 1 (currently amended). A bandana device for use by a vehicle rider wearing a helmet, to protect against dust impingement on the face, comprising, in combination:

- a) a generally triangular flexible protective fabric having two upper corners, with opposite sides,
- b) each upper corner defining an upper horizontal edge and a side edge extending generally normal to said upper edge,
- c) press-together connection components attached to the bandana, at said corners, one component on one side of the bandana, and another component on the opposite side of the bandana, said components extending proximate said edges,
- d) whereby when the bandana is applied to the wearer's face and said corners are brought together at the rear of the wearer's neck and below the lowermost rear edge of the helmet, said components are then positioned to be pressed together to retain the bandana tensioned over the wearer's face, and to exclude entrance of dust and dirt under the bandana,
- e) the components respectively having face area A_1 and face area A_2 , where

$$A_1 \gg A_2$$

allowing for tightening or loosening adjustment of the bandana, via the press-together components by shifting of the position of A_1 relative to A_2 ,

f) and wherein one component carries hook elements and the other component carries pile elements to connect to said hook elements when pressed together,

g) and wherein the bandana has two folded generally triangular upper corner sections of generally the same size forming said corners, the corner sections each defining an angled edge forming a leg of the corner section triangle,

h) each said folded corner section forming four layers of said fabric, said components stitched to said respective corner sections, said components having rectangular face area outline, whereby the components widthwise overlap major length extents of said angled edges defined by the respective corner sections[[.]],

i) and including resiliently yieldable means attaching at least one of said components to the bandana, whereby the pressed together components may shift position, resiliently, relative to at least one of the bandana corners, when the bandana is tensioned over the wearer's face.

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Claims 2-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (original). The combination of claim 1 including said helmet having its lower rear edge proximate but above said pressed together components.

Claim 13 (cancelled).